12/4/69

Dear Mary,

Before breakfast I rushed out a response to your previous letter, on the way to Washington + left it at the Post Office and picked up my mail, endx lo! there was yours of that afternoon. (Thanks for the stamps)

We, meaning Lil, did get the book xeroxed. She is too tired to collate it tonight but will tomorrow, and I hope to get a copy into the mail to Paul Saturday. I'll write him and tell him to make a copy for you if you want it.

On the Curry book: I have a letter today from Dick Bernabei, who is in Canada (and a classics scholar who is a number 1 amateur ballistics expert) asking for a copy, so instead of sending it to Gary or to a brilliant 16-year-old in Philadelphia, I'll send it to Dick, with your compliments. It will be xs less of a problem to supply those in the U.S.

I do look forward to the other two books, especially the one on the DPD, and most especially if it has documents. Incidently, I will have a lengthy appendixx in COUP, and that, too, will be available. Whether or not I should feel indebted, I do appreciate these kindnesses very much.

Bud will be here day after tomorrow, but not long enough, I fear, for final determinations of what we'll seek by suit.

On the Curry originals: fine and thanks. I'd forgotten I'd asked you. + have had no response to my other request, which makes me think perhaps they are being sought for me or that they involve high policy decisions. My interest is not for publication but for possible use in court. One of the things I am confident Bud will agree to sue for is the spectrographic analysis.

When I catch up on the accumulated correspondence I'll be typing a list of New Orleans names (present and former). I'll send it to you to see if you know anything about them. Not emergency. One is within reach of here and I want to seek him out as soon as I can, but it would be better to know all there is to know first. If I am less tired in the a.m. than I am now, I may enclose it. I'll ask Paul also. By the way, have you their indexes. I sent them those I had and they got others I didn't, so they have what the Archives (not to be depended upon) says is all of them. I gave them a list of what we had between us and asked for all the others and got what is so represented and sent out there.

Spoke to Moo yesterday. He says Jim has another week of traction, after which the need for surgery can be determined.

Again, thanks,

Sincerely,